

Code Revision By Legislature Plan of Byrum

Franklin County Representative Proposes to Have State Officers Do Work of Present Secretaries.

Lincoln, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Rumors are beginning to come from different sources regarding bills which will be introduced in the coming session of the legislature which will convene next week from next Tuesday at noon.

Among them is one that Representative A. H. Byrum of Franklin county will come down with a bill which will reorganize the present code bill government to a considerable extent. It is understood that Mr. Byrum does not contemplate making any changes except that he proposes to do away with the present six secretaries and place the departments now under their supervision in the hands of the state officers.

Under the present constitution the lieutenant governor is presiding officer of the senate and when the senate adjourns his duties are over. Unless there is a special session he has no duties except in case the governor leaves the state, when he automatically succeeds to the office of governor.

In the bill prepared by Mr. Byrum he gives the lieutenant governor a regular job as a part of the state machinery, assigning to him a permanent office in the state house and giving duties taken from some of the other departments.

Washington County Fair Society Elects Officers

Arlington, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—The annual meeting of the Washington County Agricultural society was held here. The following officers were elected: President, P. L. Cady; vice president, C. G. Marshall; secretary, C. G. Marshall; treasurer, G. L. Feiffer. Other members of the board are J. P. Rhea, Arlington; Fred Heuerman, Arlington; Henry Rohwer, Fort Calhoun; Seymour Smith, De Soto, and A. W. Sprick, Fontanelle.

The treasurer's report shows a nice balance on hand. Plans are being laid for the development of the new grounds recently acquired for the home of the association. It is partly surrounded by high bluffs and a horse-shoe lake, and is covered with fine specimens of native trees. Plans have been drawn for buildings, athletic field, drives and landscape planting. It is the purpose of the association to commence early next spring the erection of buildings to house the annual fair.

First Cotner President Dies at California Home

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Rev. D. R. Dungan, first president of Cotner university and for more than 50 years prominently identified with the Church of Christ in this and other middle western states, is dead at his home in Glendale, Cal., according to word received here. He lived for several years in Pawnee city, going later from here to Cotner university. He also served at the head of Christian university, Canton, Mo., and of Drake university, Des Moines, Ia. He was also widely known as an author. He served as chaplain of both the Nebraska state senate and the house.

Court House Used to Store Huge Dakota Crop of Corn

Geddes, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—A court house now used as a corn crib is the novel change made in the Charles Mix county structure at Wheeler, S. D., which has been the scene of many famous court sessions of frontier days 30 and 40 years ago. An unusually large crop this year has made it necessary to use every available storage place. Residents of Wheeler, from where the county seat was moved to Lake Andes three years ago, conceived the idea of making the picturesque old building useful. Now King Corn fills rooms in which weddings and trials were once held.

Pawnee County Physicians Hold Meeting at Table Rock

Table Rock, Neb., Dec. 24.—At a meeting of Pawnee County Medical association, held at the Pawnee City hospital, the following officers were elected: Dr. Leo D. Harmon, Table Rock, president; Dr. E. L. McCrea, Table Rock, vice president; Dr. Paul J. Flory, Pawnee City, secretary-treasurer; Dr. W. R. Boyer of Pawnee City was elected delegate to the state convention.

South Dakota Youth Has Chance for Annapolis

Geddes, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Congressman C. A. Christopherson is looking for someone who wants to attend Annapolis Naval academy. He has just written Editor H. C. Tucker of the Charles Mix County News that he has an appointment to make in this district and no applications on hand. Young men under 21 and with a high school education are eligible.

Gage County Judge Names Assistants for Next Year

Beatrice, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—County Judge-elect F. W. Messmore made the following appointments: Miss Josephine Gilliland, clerk; Miss Amber White, stenographer; probation officer, Rev. Forest Eisebise, who will succeed Rev. V. F. Clark. The county judge-elect announces that he will reappoint J. W. Ashenfelter constable.

Fairbury Mexicans Pay Fines on Installment Plan

Fairbury, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Eight Mexicans charged with having intoxicating liquor in their possession pleaded guilty and each was fined \$100 and costs. Each paid \$10 down and promised to pay the remainder at the rate of \$10 a month.

Pioneers of Indian Terror Days Hold Golden Wedding



Christmas day this year brings added joys to Mr. and Mrs. Edwin H. Walker, who live on a farm near Florence.

On this Yuletide festival day they will observe their golden wedding anniversary. They will be the central figures of a family reunion to be held at the home of a daughter, Mrs. E. G. Solomon, 3005 Dodge street. Two other daughters are Mrs. Mae Saum of Florence and Mrs. E. S. Wilson of Long Pine, Neb. They have two sons, Thomas and Warren Walker.

The Walkers were married 50 years ago at 1911 Capitol avenue, by an Episcopal minister, the Rev. John Dimmock. During the first three years of their married life they lived in Fort Laramie, Wyo., where Mr. Walker was in the trading post business. Depredations by the Indians were so serious that the women at the trading post carried revolvers and were determined to kill themselves before they would submit to being captured by the Indians.

Mr. Walker was a member of the volunteer fire department in Omaha during the early days, and served as chief of the fire department in Florence and later as mayor of that suburb. While assisting in fighting the fire which destroyed the Grand Central hotel, Fourteenth and Farnam streets, during September, 1877, Mr. Walker's brother was killed with four others. Mr. Walker came to Omaha from England in 1863, seven years before his marriage.

Brother Cut Off In Will Awarded \$17,000 in Court

Money Advanced by Iowan Saved Brother From Financial Ruin in 1888—Debt Never Paid.

Blair, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Judgment for \$17,000 against the estate of Samuel F. Martin, wealthy canning factory man here, has been awarded in district court to William E. Martin, brother of Atlantic, Ia., for a loan made 32 years ago to save Samuel Martin from bankruptcy.

Samuel Martin died recently leaving an estate of \$110,000. No provision was made in his will for the payment of this loan from his brother. William Martin filed suit against the estate.

Corn Spoiled

Samuel Martin and the late John A. McWaid, Atlantic banker, founded the Atlantic Canning company nearly 40 years ago. In 1888 the entire pack of corn spoiled and was dumped into the Mishnabota river. Samuel Martin suffered a loss of \$60,000 and was bankrupt when his brother, William, came to his assistance. William advanced \$17,000 to Samuel, who came to Blair and established a canning factory.

Has No Documents

He rehabilitated himself financially and died wealthy, the entire estate going to his widow under his will.

William Martin had no documents to show his claim against the estate, depending entirely on verbal testimony. He said he had never asked his brother for the money, expecting him to make provision in his will for its repayment.

Trufty In Prison Pleads Guilty to Lincoln Holdup

Lincoln, Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Martin Harman, 22, pleaded guilty yesterday before Justice Hawes to taking part in a holdup on December 8 while he was outside the penitentiary as a trusty. Harman and Claude Holloway, paroled convict, were accused of robbing Henry Hargreider of 35 cents at the Tenth street viaduct.

Consolidation Is Planned By Three Diller Churches

Diller, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Following the lead of Steele City, the three churches at Diller have taken preliminary steps toward consolidation. A committee of three has been appointed from each of the organizations to take sentiment and find what is the wish of the individuals.

U. P. Employees May Now Buy Stock on Partial Payments

President Gray Announces Plan to Enable Employees To Save and Invest Earnings.

Employees of the Union Pacific railroad system may purchase the common-capital stock of the Union Pacific Railroad company, in the market, on a partial payment basis, Carl R. Gray, president, announced yesterday.

President Gray's plan provides that the railroad purchase stock in the open market on receipt of orders from employees, who are to pay for the cost of the stock in 24 equal installments, by deductions from the pay roll each month. The company will credit to the employee's account all dividends received, and will charge 6 per cent interest on deferred payments.

Pays 8 Per Cent.

Union Pacific stock has paid, for sometime, a dividend of \$10 a share per annum. The range of its market price since October 1 has been between \$129.50 and \$112 a share. At a cost of \$125 a share, a return equal to 8 per cent per annum on the amount invested would be realized, officials of the company say. Priced at \$120 a share the return would be equivalent to 8.33 per cent.

The plan provides specific treatment of cases where employees become disabled or die, and where they leave the service.

Saving Plan Only.

President Gray emphasizes that the company has no stock for sale, any simply acts as an agent for the employee who wishes to invest. He also emphasizes that it does not urge employees to make stock purchases, and makes no representation or guarantee as to the future market prices or dividend policy.

"This plan is actuated by no motive except to enable employees to save and invest their earnings," said President Gray.

The plan, while still a new one, has been put into operation by several other railroads, including the Illinois Central.

Nebraska Corn Refused by European Relief Council

Nebraska corn will not be acceptable in lieu of Nebraska dollars for the relief of starving children in Europe, according to an telegram received from Herbert Hoover, national director of the European Relief council, by G. W. Wattles, state chairman.

The total amount of cash received from Douglas county up to date was \$7,642.79. The money advanced from out in the state was \$2,274.39, making a total of \$9,917.18 of the \$330,000 Nebraska quota.

Church Damaged by Fire From Overheated Still in the Basement

Hanford, Wash., Dec. 24.—Fire which broke out in a church of Hanford yesterday was declared by deputy sheriffs today to have been caused by an overheated whisky still which was in full operation in the basement. The basement was rented by J. H. Brooks, a butcher, for whom a warrant has been issued on a charge of operating a still. The church was not badly damaged by the fire.

Bee want ads are business getters.

Man Found Frozen Standing In Snow

Winner, S. D., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—George Dierman, 60, lone occupant of a cave 10 miles southwest of here, was found frozen to death, standing upright in a snowdrift burying all his body except his head, at the entrance to his cave, Wednesday morning, by John McCune, neighbor, who investigated when he saw no smoke issuing from the chimney when he was going for the mail.

The dead man's arms were frozen extended as if he had been clawing the snow. It is believed he came out to feed his stock and found the entrance to the cave blocked on his return.

State Attorney Maule will hold an inquest. Dierman had a divorced wife and eight children living in San Diego, Cal.

A process for treating nettle-plants so that their fibres can be spun for use in textiles has been developed by a Vienna scientist.

Supreme Court Rules on Omaha Appealed Cases

Label Damages Awarded to Mamie Peterson Against Degree of Honor and Mayme H. Cleaver Affirmed.

Lincoln, Neb., Dec. 24.—(Special.)—Six appeal cases from the Douglas county district court were ruled on by the supreme court today. The Nebraska Degree of Honor and its grand chief, Mayme H. Cleaver, are held for \$1,500 label judgment obtained by Mamie Peterson. Mrs. Peterson, financier in a subordinate lodge, was charged in the official organ of the lodge with being short in her accounts and carrying 140 members, who should have been suspended, in order to receive a

larger salary based on the membership.

The sentence of life imprisonment imposed on Russell Cottrell for the murder of Harry Rosenthal, grocer, at Twenty-fourth and California streets, Omaha, was affirmed. He was convicted jointly with Willard Carroll.

Widow Gets Compensation

The appeal of the Protector Sales Co., from a compensation judgment obtained by Myrtle E. Christensen for the death of her husband was denied. The company held that it was not liable as Christensen was killed in an automobile accident two days after joining the company.

A retrial was ordered for Frank Centomare, convicted of a statutory assault against a 14-year-old Italian girl, to whom he was betrothed by her father.

Woodmen Win Appeal

A judgment given Mrs. H. W. Sawyer against the Woodmen of the World for the death of her husband was reversed. The court held that the provision of the policy providing for higher rates when occupations are changed was reasonable

and only allowed recovery for unearned assessments paid.

The court affirmed damages awarded Emil Placek, 5214 South Twentieth street, against Dr. John W. Koutsky for malpractice. It was charged that the doctor omitted to administer anti-toxin to Placek's son while treating another child for diphtheria.

Charge Mother Singed Baby To Teach Him to Avoid Fire

Des Moines, Dec. 24.—Singing her little son over a blazing newspaper to teach him not to play with fire was one of the methods of discipline used by Mrs. Merrill Lyman of Des Moines, according to the testimony of her husband, Charles P. Lyman, in their divorce trial at Nevada, Ia.

1,000 Employees Jobless

Albany, N. Y., Dec. 24.—One thousand employees of the New York central car department at West Albany were idle today, notices having been posted by the company that the shops would remain closed indefinitely.

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